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City Manager's Weekly Update



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Nov.	25 th	City Council Meeting (agenda)
Nov.	27-28 th	City Hall Offices Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday
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Executive Summary

Beautiful Belmont Award-Seeking Nominations



The City of Belmont City Council proudly announces the upcoming 8th Annual presentation of the Beautiful Belmont Awards Program at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, December 9th at 7:00 PM. The City is calling for nominations from the community in both Residential and Commercial categories.

This recognition program is designed to acknowledge individuals, businesses, and community groups who have enhanced the community by making significant exterior improvements to their Belmont properties. Eligible improvements include the enhancement, upgrading, reconstruction, or replacement of a property, making it more visually appealing as well as enriching the surrounding neighborhood or district.

For more information on the Beautiful Belmont Awards Program, or to submit a nomination, please call the Finance Department at (650) 595-7433 or e-mail at nvoelker@belmont.gov.

Examples of previous years' winners:



Belmont's Solid Waste/Recycling Rates Recommended to be reduced Jan. 1, 2015

The Belmont City Council will hold a public hearing on November 25th to adopt solid waste rates for residential and commercial customers for the calendar year 2015 - the good news is the rates are recommended to go down an average of 4.51%.

In September the City Council reviewed Recology's 2015 rate application, and set a Public Hearing date for November 25, 2014. During that review, it was noted that the rates as shown in that public presentation would likely be lower than presented during that meeting since the City was working with Recology to resolve a reporting error on the City's tonnage reports. Since that time, the tonnage report was corrected, but also the parties noted that the prior year's migration recovery surcharge needed to be "reversed" or removed from the City's rates.

In summary, for 2015 the City's solid waste rates will not be increased, but rather, reduced by an overall 4.51%. This reduction in rates will affect both the residential and commercial solid waste rates. Prior to these changes, the proposed adjustment to rates was an increase of 2.77%.

The proposed reduction in the solid waste rates has created a unique opportunity for the City to make adjustments between the residential cart sizes. Assembly Bill 939, passed in 1989, established aggressive requirements to encourage diversion of solid waste from landfills by implementing recycling and other waste programs. Since the passage of AB 939, State lawmakers have continued to examine statewide disposal and recycling efforts. Given that, the policy objective of encouraging reduction in waste and the use of smaller cart sizes remain relevant for purposes of setting rates.

On October 28th the City Council considered several options on how to set the 2015 Solid Waste Rates while meeting the revenue requirements. Four (4) different residential rate options were considered by the Council and they ultimately selected an option which balances the pricing structure such that the pricing of the carts remains graduated, but reduces the differential between the smallest and largest carts.

Existing and proposed 2015 (*in parentheses*) monthly residential rates are as follows:

- 20 Gallon Cart, \$21.61 (\$21.00)
- 32 Gallon Cart, \$35.79 (\$34.86)
- 64 Gallon Cart, \$78.86 (\$71.03)
- 96 Gallon Cart, \$127.49 (\$111.30)

Information on rates and program information including service level options can be found at www.belmont.gov

Ralston Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project- Update

Express Plumbing, the contractor for the sewer replacement project, continued with the construction work this week. 400 linear feet of pipe were fused together and brought to the site in front of Notre Dame High School exit on Thursday morning. Ralston Avenue was temporary closed between 5:00 am and 5:30 am during the staging of the pipe. Signage and traffic control were provided and personnel were on site to help in directing traffic. The roadway was reopened within a half-hour and no major traffic impacts were observed.

The installation of this pipe using directional boring on the north side of Ralston Avenue between the Notre Dame de Namur driveway and Notre Dame High School exit is the second of the three stages for the project, and is proceeding until its completion. Next week, the contractor will continue modifying the manholes and install the sewer main. If weather permits the preparation for Stage three will begin the week after Thanksgiving.



Traffic control will continue to be in place. Two lanes on Ralston Avenue will be open at all times. However, due to magnitude of work, commuters should expect some delays.

For additional information, please contact Public Works at 650-595-7425 or visit the [project webpage](#).

During the course of construction, there will be heavy equipment staging along Ralston Avenue. The center lane or travel lanes will be reduced to one lane in each direction within this project location and there will be an overall impact on traffic circulation in the area. Commuters should anticipate some traffic delays during the construction hours of 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. If the weather cooperates the project is anticipated to be complete by mid-December.





OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

Sewer Division

- Inspected and cleaned 11 sewer pump stations
- The service truck (205) responded to 9 service calls
- Jetted (cleaned) 660 feet of sewer main
- Videoed 108 feet of sewer pipe
- Videoed 1 private service lateral per resident request
- Staff attended demonstration of a "Gap Vax" combination sewer truck
- Cleaned flushable wipes from debris catcher in Ralston Ranch Pump Station
(Pictured below)



Ralston Ranch debris catcher before cleaning



Ralston Ranch debris catcher after cleaning

- Cleaned and inspected check valves at various pump stations (Pictured below)



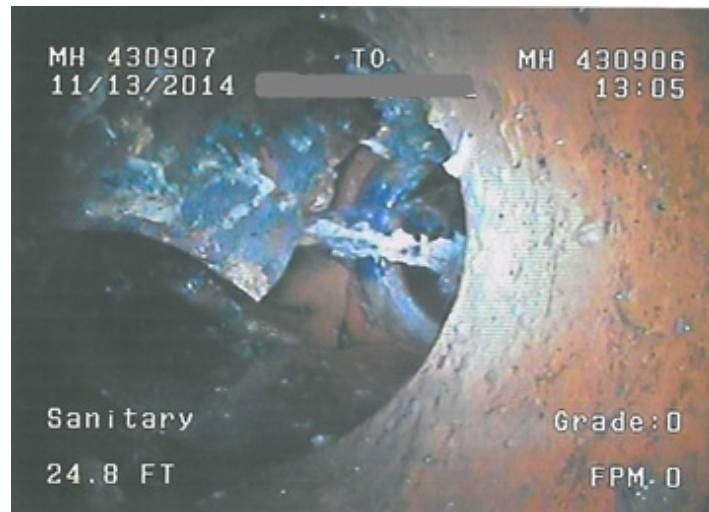
San Juan Pump No. 1 Check valve before cleaning



San Juan Pump No. 1 Check valve after cleaning

Sewer Line Repair in an Easement

During routine video inspection of the City's sewer mains, the Public Works Sewer Division discovered a section of deteriorated sewer main in the San Juan Hills. The sewer crew were able to access this main, and repair the broken 6-foot section of 6-inch vitrified clay sewer pipe. This segment of the pipe was dug-out and replaced with a new section of 6-inch SDR-35 grade PVC pipe.



Broken vitrified clay pipe (VCP)



Broken vitrified clay pipe (VCP)




Repaired with polymerized vinyl chloride (PVC) pipe

Storm Division

- Swept 100 miles of roadway resulting in the acquisition of 11.22 tons of debris
- Performed weekly inspection of Water Dog Lake dam, dock, roadway, and v-ditch
- Inspected and cleaned 2 Storm Pump Stations
- Inspected and cleaned 18 "hot spots" throughout the City which are prone to flooding in the event of rain
- Cleaned 16 drain inlets.
- Cleaned and inspected 5 full trash capture devices
- Cleaned 10 drain inlet tops allowing stormwater to reach the system
- The installation of new wet well lids was completed at both the Harbor and Ralston Storm Pump Stations

Fill-It-Yourself Sandbag Stations




Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

City Hall
One Twin Pines Lane *(rear parking lot)*


Belmont Corp Yard
110 Sem Lane

Fire Station 15
2701 Cipriani

Residents may obtain up to 10 bags per Belmont address.



For more information contact Public Works @ 650-595-7425



Traffic Operations

- Weekly visual inspections for preventative maintenance of intersections
- Visual inspection of lighted crosswalks
- Prepared 64 double sided aluminum sign blanks
- Installed 19 signs
- Ralston Banners: 1 down and 1 up
- Repaired 4 streetlights
- Performed annual maintenance on 1 generator automatic transfer switch
- Troubleshoot traffic camera on Ralston Avenue at Hiller Street
- Attended Retro-Reflectivity Training
- Attended Customer Service Training

Streets Division

- Marked out 12 locations for Underground Service Alerts
- Dugout 4.98 tons of asphalt in front of 2516 Read, compacted the base and oiled
- Put down 5.5 tons of asphalt in front of 2516 Read using two lifts
- Checked and replenished sand and bags at all 3 locations
- Filled 39 pot holes on Old County Road
- Filled 1 pot hole on Alameda De Las Pulgas
- Saw cut in preparation for paving at 3 locations
- Assisted Parks and Recreation with concrete finishing at Barrett Center



Rain Barrel Workshop (Tom Bressan)

Bay Area Water Supply & Conservation Agency (BAWSCA)

Saturday, December 6, 2014

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Located in "The Lodge" located at 40 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont

This rain barrel workshop will discuss the collection of rainwater for on-site landscape irrigation. Learn how you can save water, reduce pollution, and receive a rebate of up to \$100!

Tom Bressan of The Urban Farmer Store will explain why the use of rain barrels as alternative water systems are growing in popularity, how much water and money can be saved by installing the system, and which system work best for different people's needs. He will show techniques for assembling and maintaining rainwater harvesting systems for a typical residence.

This workshop is presented in partnership by the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency and San Mateo County Water Pollution Prevention Program.

Rain barrels will be available for purchase following the event.

This workshop is FREE! [Sign up](#) to reserve your seat.

A poster for the Rain Barrel Workshop. The top half has a blue background with the text "Rain Barrel Workshop" in large white letters, followed by "Saturday, December 6th 9am-noon" in white. Below the text is a photograph of a brown rain barrel with a white downspout, sitting on a lawn next to a brick wall and green foliage. The text "The Lodge 40 Twin Pines Lane Belmont, CA" is overlaid on the photo. To the right of the photo are three logos: BAWSCA, San Mateo County Water Pollution Prevention Program, and the City of Belmont.

Effective January 1, 2015 Paper Bag Fee Increase

The paper bag fee will increase from .10¢ to .25¢ at point of sale on January 1, 2015.

Remember*
BYOB -Bring Your Own Bag



For more information contact Public Works @ 650-595-7425



Parks and Recreation



Fun in the Snow at the Community Learning Center



Belmont Community Learning Center students enjoyed a snow day complete with snowmen building! Thanks to the PTO Board and several parent volunteers who made this magical event possible!



V.O.I.C.E.S.

V.O.I.C.E.S. volunteered at Samaritan House in San Mateo on Saturday, November 15th. Students created decorations that will bring holiday cheer to local shelters and hospitals.



Trail Bridge at Waterdog Lake

New trail bridge over the spillway at Waterdog Lake next week construction will begin on the new trail bridge over the spillway at Waterdog Lake. The project will complete the Lake Loop Trail Realignment Project which has included over 3,000 hours of volunteer service. Notices have been placed in the signboards at the entrances of the open space and additional signage will go up next week. Attached is a photo from the realigned trail after the rain on Wednesday.



Annual Holiday Craft Faire this Weekend



The annual Holiday Craft Faire is one of the biggest city events organized by the Parks & Recreation department and takes place the weekend before Thanksgiving. Over 70 craft persons are invited to participate and present their unique items for sale.

The Community is invited to Twin Pines Park for a stroll between the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center, the Lodge, the Manor, and Cottage to see what is for sale.

In addition at Twin Pines Senior and Community Center you will find live entertainment and hot refreshments provided by the local Lion's Club.

Everyone is invited to attend this weekend, Saturday and Sunday, between the hours of 10am-4pm. for more details.

Contact adelara@belmont.gov or chandley@belmont.gov And see the flyer below.

Photos of last year's event:





BELMONT
PARKS & RECREATION'S

Annual Holiday Craft Faire

2014



**SATURDAY & SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 22 & 23
10AM - 4PM**

Location:

TWIN PINES PARK
Twin Pines Lane, Belmont,
CA 94002

- Twin Pines SENIOR & COMMUNITY CENTER
- Twin Pines LODGE,
- Twin Pines MANOR
- Twin Pines COTTAGE

Great gifts for your family and friends! Our annual faire features local artists and craftpersons offering a wide selection of holiday gifts and decorations. Lovely handmade items, items for the home and more will be available for purchase. Bring the whole family!



- Free admission
- Free parking
- Live entertainment

 Parks & Recreation
(650) 595-7441

"Enhancing the quality of life for the community."
www.belmont.gov parksrec@belmont.gov

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR MPWD CUSTOMERS

Let's Go for 20%

MPWD customers have answered the call to conserve water in response to the statewide emergency drought. Thanks to you, we have exceeded our initial goal of 10% water conservation for 2014. Working together and being water wise, *we have saved 15.9%* so far!*

On the heels of the SWRCB*** emergency water savings regulations, MPWD has adopted additional mandatory water conservation measures:

- ✓ **No outdoor landscape watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.**
- ✓ **20% reduction in outdoor irrigation**

Let's Keep the Momentum and Go Further!



10%

INITIAL 2014 WATER
CONSERVATION GOAL

15.9%
2014 CUMULATIVE
WATER SAVINGS*

18.7%
SEPTEMBER 2014
WATER SAVINGS**

20%
WE CAN DO IT!

* Compared to 2013

** Compared to September 2013

*** State Water Resources Control Board

new

Rain Barrel Rebate Program!!!

In partnership with the San Mateo Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program (a program of the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County), BAWSCA and MPWD are offering rebates of up to \$100 per rain barrel for the purchase and installation of qualifying rain barrels. For more details, please visit:

► www.midpeninsulawater.org/rain-barrel



Please contact us with any questions:
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Community Calendars

Twin Pines Community Center

Twin Pines Senior & Community Center ~ November 2014 ~						Center Open Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4pm			
Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday	Friday		
3	9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Simmons Aerobics 9:30 Italian Chat 10:00 Spanish Chat 1:00 Book Group 2:00 French Chat 2:00 Sit N' Be Fit Video	4	9:00 Mindful Meditation 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Gentle Tai Chi (S) 10:00 Music Appreciation 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:00 Canasta 12:15 Classic Movie 12:30 Needlecrafts Group	5	8:45 Strength Training 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Simmons Aerobics 10:00 Spanish Class 10:30 Zumba Gold (R) 11:30 German Class 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:15 New Movie 12:30 Pinochle/Hearts	6	9:00 Garden Club 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Canasta 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:15 Wii Bowling 12:30 Bridge 1:00 Art Group. Drop in! 2:00 History Group	7	9:30 Yoga w/ Adriana 11:00 Mandarin Conversation Go 4 Life Fitness Video 1:00 BINGO 1:30 Mahjong
10	9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Simmons Aerobics 10:00 Ukulele Sing Along 9:30 Italian Chat 10:00 Spanish Chat 2:00 French Chat 2:00 Sit N' Be Fit Video	11	 Closed for Veterans Day	12	8:45 Strength Training 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Simmons Aerobics 10:00 Spanish Class 10:30 Zumba Gold (R) 11:30 German Class 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:15 New Movie 12:30 Pinochle/Hearts	13	9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Canasta 11:30 Birthday Lunch (S) 12:15 Wii Bowling 12:30 Bridge 1:00 Art Group. Drop in! 2:00 History Group	14	9:00 AARP Smart Driver Course 9:30 Yoga w/ Adriana 10:00 Easy Craft Class 11:00 Mandarin Conversation Go 4 Life Fitness Video 1:30 Ping Pong!
17	9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Simmons Aerobics 9:30 Italian Chat 10:00 Spanish Chat 2:00 French Chat 2:00 Sit N' Be Fit Video	18	9:00 Blood Pressure Clinic 9:00 AARP Smart Driver Course 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Gentle Tai Chi (S) 10:00 Senior Club Meeting 10:00 Music Appreciation 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:00 Canasta 12:15 Classic Movie 12:30 Needlecrafts Group	19	8:45 Strength Training 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Simmons Aerobics 10:00 Spanish Class 10:30 Zumba Gold (R) 11:30 German Class 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:15 New Movie 12:30 Pinochle/Hearts	20	9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Canasta 11:30 Thanksgiving Lunch 12:15 Wii Bowling 12:30 Bridge 1:00 Art Group. Drop in! 2:00 History Group	21	9:30 Yoga w/ Adriana 11:00 Mandarin Conversation 1:00 Go 4 Life Fitness Video 1:00 Raspberry Pi 1:00 BINGO 1:30 Mahjong 2:00 Futurists 3:00 Writer's Workshop
24	9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Simmons Aerobics 10:00 Stamp Collectors 10:00 Opinion Exchange w/ Jim Dunbar 10:00 Italian Chat 10:00 Spanish Chat 2:00 French Chat 2:00 Sit N' Be Fit Video	25	9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Gentle Tai Chi (S) 10:00 Music Appreciation 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:00 Canasta 12:15 Foreign Film 12:30 Needlecrafts Group	26	8:45 Strength Training 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Simmons Aerobics 10:00 Spanish Class 10:30 Zumba Gold (R) 11:30 German Class 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:15 New Movie 12:30 Pinochle/Hearts	 Closed for Thanksgiving			
						*Some activities are drop-in, some require Signing up (S), some require Registration with Parks & Recreation (R) *Activities are subject to change. Please call 595-7444 to confirm.			
						<p>~</p> <p>Annual Holiday Craft Fair!</p> <p>Nov 22-23 Sat & Sun 10am-4pm</p> <p>~</p>			

Belmont Public Library

November 2014

At the Belmont Library

<http://www.facebook.com/smcblbelmont>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		KEY Red: Children's/Family Green: Teen Black: Adult Blue: All Ages	 Belmont Library <small>A SAN MATEO COUNTY LIBRARY</small> <small>1110 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont CA 94002 • 650.591.8288 • www.smccl.org</small>			1 * 10:30a Uke Storytime * 11:00a Imagination Playground
2	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 10:30a Baby Storytime * 3:30p Lego Club * 3:30p Art Experimentation 	4 * 7:00a Election Day * 10:30a Musical Storytime * 11:00a Imagination Playground * 3:30p Kids' Craft Club * 7:00p Lawyers in the Library 	5 * 10:30a Comp. Class: Google Drive * 3:30p Teen Gaming * 6:30p Needles & Hooks Club * 7:00p Pajama Storytime * 7:00p 1st Wed. Bk Grp : <i>The Sun Also Rises</i> by Ernest Hemingway	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 10:30a Toddler Storytime * 3:30p Imagination Playground 	7 * 10:30a Pres. Storytime * 11:15a Russian Storytime * 4:00p Science Club * 7:00p First Friday Flicks: <i>Mr. Peabody and Sherman</i> (PG, 92 min)	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 2:00p Basket Weaving: A Craft for Adults 
9	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 10:30a Baby Storytime * 3:30p Lego Club * 3:30p Food Tasting 	11 <div>LIBRARY CLOSED</div> 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 10:30a Computer Coach * 3:30p Teen Gaming * 6:30p Needles & Hooks Club * 7:00p Pajama Storytime 	13 * 10:30a Toddler Storytime * 2:00p Mystery Book Group: <i>Iron Lake</i> by Wm Kent Kruger * 4:00p TAG Meeting * 3:30p Imagination Playground * 7:00p Culture Vs. Copyright with Author Anatoly Volynets	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 10:30a Pres. Storytime * 11:15a Russian Storytime * 4:00p Science Club * 6:30p Teen Open Mic 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 10:30a Uke Storytime * 11:00a Imagination Playground
16	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 10:30a Baby Storytime * 12:00p Senior Health Talk: Coping with the Holidays * 3:30p Lego Club * 3:30p Sherlock Party 	18 * 10:30a Musical St. * 11:00a Imagination Play. * 12:00p Author Talk with Maria Duenas * 3:30p Kids' Craft Club * 6:30p Paws for Tales * 6:30p College Essay Workshop	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 10:30a Comp. Class: Freegal Music * 3:30p Teen Gaming * 6:30p Needles & Hooks Club * 7:00p Pajama Storytime 	20 * 10:30a Toddler Storytime * 3:30p Imagination Playground * 3:30p Words for Worms Teen Bk Club: <i>The Normal Heart</i> by Larry Kramer	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 10:30a Pres. Storytime * 11:15a Russian Storytime * 4:00p Science Club * 7:00p Adult Film: <i>The Savages</i> with Philip Seymour Hoffman 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 2:00p Roboto Picasso 
23	24 * 10:30a Baby Storytime * 12:30p Intl Book Grp: <i>The Devotion of Suspect X</i> by Keigo Higashino * 3:30p Lego Club * 3:30p Movie: <i>Catching Fire</i> * 6:30p Pub Style Trivia <div>30</div>	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 10:30a Musical Storytime * 11:00a Imagination Playground * 3:30p Kids' Craft Club 	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 10:30a Computer Coach * 3:30p Teen Gaming <div>LIBRARY CLOSING AT 5:00p</div>	27 <div>LIBRARY CLOSED</div> 	28 <div>LIBRARY CLOSED</div> 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 10:00a SAT Practice * 10:30a Uke Storytime * 11:00a Imagination Playground